

Sisters' S. C. E.

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

This fourth day of June finds me at the home of Brother Martin Shively of Winchester. Since my last report for the paper, I have visited Buckeye City, Glenford, Fairview, Bear Creek, Miamisburg, and Farmersville churches. At Buckeye City, I found Brother Schultz engaged in revival work. There was quite an interest, and large crowds were in attendance. Brother Schultz very courteously gave place to me and my work on Saturday night and Sunday, and I succeeded in organizing an S. S. C. E. of about twenty members. Brother Ross gave the work his encouragement and assistance.

On Monday I went to Glenford, and preached that night in the Bethel church to a large audience. There they have a society which has done good work. Brother J. M. Bowman, their pastor, was engaged in revival work at a school house on Flint Ridge and upon his invitation I talked to the people there on Tuesday night. Brother Bowman has done a good work there, and there is a good outlook for the future. Brother B. works hard outside as well as in the pulpit.

On Wednesday I went to Washington Court House and from there was taken to the Fairview church, one of brother J. M. Tombaugh's charges. It was extremely warm, the congregation is widely scattered, and one of the days I spent with them was Decoration day. These facts were unfavorable to my work; but though the congregations were not large they were pleasant and attentive ones. We did not succeed in effecting an organization, but Brother Tombaugh is very much in sympathy with the work, and hopes to be able to accomplish it in the near future.

On Friday, I went to Dayton. My purpose was to preach to the Dayton City brethren that night, but by mistake I wrote to a Bear Creek brother whose post office is Dayton, and the appointment was made at Bear Creek. It was a real pleasure to go to Bear Creek, for twelve years ago, at the close of the Dayton Conference, I attended a communion there,—my first communion in the Brethren church. I little dreamed then that when next I should visit Bear Creek, it would be to stand in the pulpit, which was then occupied by Brother Bashor, Brother Worst and I think, Brother Beer. As I could be with them but one night, I did not try to organize an S. S. C. E. though I explained its purpose. I expect to return to them on Saturday of this week for their communion, and then I hope to effect an organization.

On Saturday, I went to Miamisburg and was taken by sister Lydia Fox, one of Miamisburg congregation's faithful ones, to the church which is nearly five miles from town. Their church is one of the most unique and cosy buildings that I have yet visited. There they have a prosperous Society, which has been doing good work. In connection with it they have a young people's branch, called the Busy Bees. These girls meet for sewing just as the older ones do, and the two branches have a common treasury. At many of our churches successful work might be done in this way by the young girls, and how much it would do toward developing them for future usefulness in the church. The future prosperity of the church depends largely upon our young members of today. Let us carefully, earnestly train them for future usefulness.

I remained with the Miamisburg congregation over Sunday, preaching to very pleasant audiences. Yesterday, I went to Farmersville, and preached there last night. I had a very pleasant stay at the home of Brother Hinkle until time for evening services. After service, Brother Shively brought me to his home at Winchester. Tonight I shall talk "Endeavor" here, and hope to organize tomorrow night. Brother Shively had expected to attend the Conference at Ashland, this week, but out of courtesy to the president and through interest in the success of the work here in his charges, he remained at home. We were sorry to visit his congregations at this time, but could not very well make different arrangements. To have gone first to Miami county and then returned would have been, quite a little extra expense, and one special endeavor in my work and travel has been to keep expenses as low as possible. It was expected by the S. S. C. E. Board that I would be able to meet my expenses, but the liberality of the churches has been such that collections have far exceeded expenses. Each month has been better than the preceding. I have now completed the fourth month, at forty dollars per month, but at a cost to the Board of only sixty-three dollars. We can only pray that God will abundantly reward every one who has contributed even a penny to this work. I have now been travelling continuously for nearly eight weeks, preaching nearly every night, and twice every Sunday, but I have been enjoying excellent health, and have not yet felt that I need to stop and rest. I shall continue the work in Ohio, during the next two weeks, and then go to Indiana, continuing so long as success justifies it. There have been some discouragements, but many more encouragements.

At many places they expect to contribute to the S. S. C. E. sales table at the Conference. Discussing this subject with some of the sisters, we have thought it would be a good idea, for some of us to contribute such articles as could be used in the College Boarding Hall, if they are not sold. The S. S. C. E. could then donate them to the Hall, and thus indirectly, if not directly help the Theological Department. Are you willing? Dear Sisters let us all do something in this work. Let us make it a success, so that in after years we shall be proud of it.

LAURA E. N. GROSSNICKLE.

FROM NAPPANEE, IND.

Our S. S. C. E. meets once a month, and opens services with devotional exercises consisting of singing, Scripture reading and prayer by different members of the society. We have monthly fees of five cents per member. Our society is small; we have only fourteen members enrolled. Our work at present consists of making sun-bonnets and cutting and sewing carpet rags. We have been very successful in getting work. We are but a feeble little band, but by God's help, we will endeavor to do what we can.

MRS. J. S. NEFF.

CHRISTIAN LIVING.

We have followed the Savior through death, burial and resurrection, coming thus into the enjoyment of a new and spiritual life. "I get not I but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live, I live by faith of the Son of God."

If Christ be in us the body is dead because of sin, but the spirit is life because of righteousness. We are no longer of the world; our heart and life and home and treasures are all above. Our life is to be like Christ. A life of love and mercy, gentleness and forgiveness, prayer and humility of labor for the good of others, and in one word of self-sacrifice for the salvation of the world. Such a life will be the presence and grace of God; and in closing such a career, we shall, like our glorious leader, simply lay down the divine life which is in us to be taken again. We shall of course, go with him once more to the tomb. But we can now look forward to that broken prison without fear, knowing that he that raised Christ from the dead, shall also quicken our mortal bodies by his spirit which dwelleth in us, and in the resurrection it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know we shall be like him, sons of God, and if sons then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

MRS. EMMA KRIDER.